

DEDICATION

In culmination of our five month's stay in the Fresno Assembly Center, the Vignette is a fitting climax to an unexpected but otherwise valuable episode in our lives. Our termination here however, does not make this a closed chapter in our adventure. Instead, this is but a mere prelude to a far greater epic yet to follow.

Thrown unceremoniously together through a matter of necessity, we have experienced our primary trials and tribulations of readjusting ourselves to shape a living community out of bare nothing. We have found the importance of co-operation and mutual understanding. We have successfully applied them to establish for ourselves an enviable record of sustaining a smoothly functioning society. And the people are to be commended.

It is to this Spirit Of Cooperation manifested in each individual that the editors of the Vignette dedicate this souvenir yearbook. May it serve not only as a glamorized review of our brief Fresno Center life, but an inspiration to achieve far nobler heights for the duration wherein we must all unite to share in the American War Effort.

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THANK YOU, SO LONG AND GOOD LUCK

You are about to leave Fresno Assembly Center which has been your temporary home for the past six months. Frankly, I have been amazed with the changes (all for the better) that you have accomplished. You have converted the original empty buildings and barren land surrounding them into a well organized, self contained city of over 5,000 people. Visiting officials never fail to comment on the cleanliness of your Center and the fact that each and every resident of the Center is doing his or her job and doing it well.

During these trying times you, both nissei and issei, have been good soldiers, obeyed the rules and regulations of the War-time Civil Control Administration without question, and by so doing, you have helped the United States of America solve one of its difficult wartime problems.